# CHURCH NEWS

**Red Oak Baptist Church**
Rev. Lewis Garrett, Pastor
Sunday School, 9:45 A. M.
Morning Worship: 10:55 A. M.
Training Union, 7:00 P. M.
Wednesday: Family Night, 7:30 P. M.
Saturday, 3:30 P. M.- Youth Choir Practice.

**Appomattox Methodist Circuit**
Aaron D. Smith, Pastor
10 A. M. Mt. Comfort.
"The Declared God."
11:15 A. M. Hermon.
"Peril of Self-Centered Lives."

**Opportunities At Liberty**
Sunday:
9:45 A. M. Graded Bible Study.
11:00 A. M. Worship.
6:00 P. M. Cherub and Carol Choirs.
6:30 P. M. Training Union.
7:30 P. M. Worship.
Wednesday:
7:15 P. M. Bible Study, Pastor and Church Leadership Responsibilities to each other. 1 Timothy, Chapter 3.

The TV series of dramas, based on Biblical truths as applied in human life will be seen at 1:00 P. M. over Channel 7 each Sunday through the month of March.

W. M. U. Community Mission Soul-Winning Visitation, Sunday, 2 P. M., to 4 P. M. Meet at the church for assignments.

Young People and Intermediate Fellowship at the parsonage following Sunday evening worship.

**Program At Memorial Methodist**

The second in the School of Missions Series in the Memorial Methodist Church will be held on Sunday evening at 6 o'clock, with the church-wide fellowship covered dish supper arranged by the Wesley Fellowship Sunday School Class, Mr. Lewis Motley, president; Mrs. Ed Dickerson, vice - president; Mrs. Frank Ferguson, secretary; Mrs. Ed Blackwell, assist.; Mr. Paul Cawthorne, treasurer, and Mrs. Gay Scheffler, pianist.

Every member, and visitors are always welcome, and it is urged that they participate in this fellowship. Families are encouraged to come and share this time together.

At 6:45 P. M., three separate study and discussion sessions will be held. Dr. S .R. Lawson will present the second discussion based on the study book, 'Methodism and Medical Missions.'"

The M. Y. F., under the direction of Mrs. R. G. Holt, will view a special movie, "God Forth," depicting the call to missionary service at home and abroad.

Mrs. J. N. Jennings will conduct discussions and handwork in Africa for the Juniors and 3rd year Primaries.

Last Sunday evening a very fine attendance was present for the first sessions of the annual Church-wide School of Missions, conducted under the sponsorship of the Commission of Missions, Mrs. J. N. Jennings, chairman; Mrs. J. S. Grinels, vice-chairman; Mrs. Mary Alma Hudson, secretary and the following other members: J. A. Smith C. W. Smith, J. N. Jennings, Charles Martin, Blaine Carter, and Mesdames M. A. Hermcall, Lewis Motley, Chas. R. Thomas, T. T. Martin, Clara Mitchell, Frank Rogers, R. G. Holt and R. V. Leffers.

At 7:30, the Chanel Choir will present special music; Mrs. Murrell Ferguson, organist.

The pastor will present the second in the series of Methodism's Work in Foreign Fields, dealing this Sunday evening with the work in Hawaii, the newest of the fifty states of the union. The Hawaiian Islands were discovered by Captain James Cook of the British Navy in 1778. Protestant Christian missionaries arrived from New England in 1820. Methodism sent missionaries to the Caucasus in these Pacific Islands in 1855. Thirty years later the Japanese Methodist California greatly advanced the work among their own people. Today, nowhere else in the United States can one visit so many different religious groups in the span of a single tour. Today every fourth person is a Roman Catholic, every fifth person a Buddhist, every 10th person a Protestant, every 100th person a Methodist.

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**SPECIAL NOTICE**
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**Memorial Methodist Church**
Rev. Richard Bergdoll, Pastor
Sunday School, 9:30 A. M.
C. W. Smith, Superintendent.
11:00 A. M. Morning Worship. Sermon: The Great Deliverance."
7:30 P. M. Worship Service. Topic: "Methodism in Hawaii."

**St. Ann's Episcopal Church**
(2nd Sunday After Epiphany)
10 A. M. Church School.
11 .A M. Morning Prayer and Sermon. —Peter Fulcham.

**Pamplin Methodist Circuit**
Charles P. Price, Pastor
Regular Services
1st Sunday
Evergreen, 11:00.
Centenary, 7:30.
2nd Sunday
Pamplin, 11:00.
Piney Ridge, 7:30.
3rd Sunday
Centenary, 11:00.
Evergreen, 7:30.
4th Sunday
Piney Ridge, 11:00.
Pamplin, 7:30.
5th Sunday
Pamplin, 11:00.
Centenary, 7:30.

**SPOUT SPRING P.-T. A.**

The Spout Spring P.-T. A. will meet on Monday night, Jan. 18, at 7:30, at the school.

John Crafton, of the County Health Department, will speak on "Preparing for Healthful and Safe Living."

## Colored Dots

Impressive services were held at the Mount Shiloh Baptist Church last Sunday morning. The pastor of the church, Rev. R. Q. Lawing, delivered a special sermon from the subject, "Closing the Door." All present enjoyed the message. A large crowd of members and visitors attended the service. The church choir rendered beautiful music. The offering for the day was $99.56.

The local county Teachers' Association will hold its professional meeting on Monday evening, Jan. 18, at 4 P. M. Miss Betts, business teacher, will lead a discussion on school discipline. A special movie will be shown at the close of the presentation. All teachers are asked to attend.

The Rev. C. L. Elliott preached his acceptance sermon as pastor of the Morning Star Baptist Church on last second Sunday. A large crowd attended the service. The church choir rendered special music. The offering for the day was very good.

All the partons of the Carver-Price High School are reminded of the next P.-T. A. meeting on Monday night after the fourth Sunday in this month at 7:30. The president is asking all members to please be present. Plan for the spring activity will be presented.

The annual church meeting of the Promise Land Baptist Church will be held on Saturday, Jan. 23, at 2:30 P. M. All officers are asked to meet the pastor at 1 P. M. The program of the year will be presented.

Professor and Mrs. George Evans of the Carver-Price faculty are the proud parents of a fine baby boy.

Rev. R. Q. Lawing attended the planning meeting of the V. T. A. in Richmond last Saturday.

The Willing Workers Club of the Mount Shiloh Baptist Church will hold their regular meeting this Sunday at the close of the regular Sunday School hour. All members are urged to be present.

Deacon Joseph Durphy, of the Zion Baptist Church, Pamplin, Va., is in the Lynchburg General Hospital for an operation on his leg. We hope for him a speedy recovery.

"Snook" Saunders was taken to Lynchburg Hospital Sunday, and underwent an operation. We trust he is improving.

Mr. Nathan Watkins, son of Mr. and Mrs. Louis Watkins, of the Mount Zion Church community, and Miss Velma McCoy, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Garland McCoy, of the Mount Airy Church community, were married Saturday evening at 7:30, in the home of the Rev. and Mrs. R. Q. Lawing. Rev. Lawing performed the ceremony.

Rev. and Mrs. C. A. Marshall visited Mrs. Nannie Evans over the week-end, in Crewe, Va.

Subscription rate: $2.00 a year; payable in advance.

## Birthday List

Marvin Reynolds, Jan. 22.
W. W. Thornhill, Jan. 19.
Miss Linda Webber, Jan. 6.

Use a cigarette lighter to single pinfeathers left on dressed poultry. It is neater, safer, and quicker, and does not smudge the skin of the bird.

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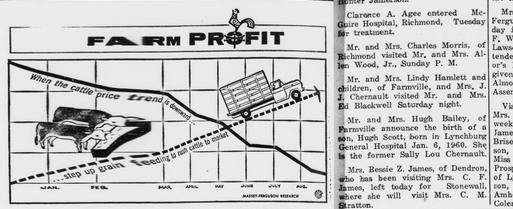
Made into a sauce, sour cream enhance many desserts. Cream third cup table fat, and one cup confectioners' sugar and beat. Add one-fourth to one-half cup cream to make the sauce light fluffy. You can serve this sauce fruit brown betty, hot baked apples or steamed or baked puddings.

"About all the United States is getting to see of the dove of peace is the bill."-Alex Dreier.


## Corn May Be The Cheapest Feed This Year

The farmer who pastures his cattle during spring and summer to cut the cost of grain should take another look at his feeding plan this year. In 1960, it may pay to really push corn, milo or other grains to cattle. With a gradual decline in prices likely during the year, it will pay to rush feeders for the early market. The savings from cheap grains on roughage or pasture could be wiped out by lower markets next fall, according to a Massey-Ferguson research report on the cattle situation.

Bill Zumbek, Iowa State animal husbandryman observes, "Cheapening the ration with roughage is less important with corn around $1 per bushel. Considering the rate of gain, the finish and the savings in time, corn probably is one of the lowest cost feeds you can use. We certainly are discouraging long-range programs that involve a heavy roughage use."

"Feed is relatively cheap while cattle prices still are quite high," says Lot Tayl lor, Kansas animal husbandryman. He advises, "A farmer whose normal program is to get cheap winter gains on roughage, then go to grass for a full season, should consider putting cattle. He could winter on a higher level and put them directly into the feed lot at the end of winter."

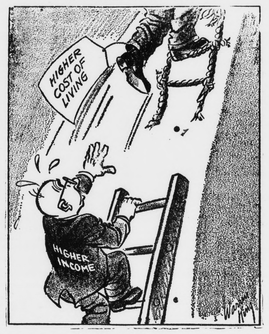
G. R. Carlisle, Illinois animal husbandryman says, "Low grade roughage such as corn cobs may have a place during times of high corn prices or during a shortage of other rations." But with an abundance of grain, such as we have now, Carlisle believes, "Cheap roughages better be used as bedding. Best way to fatten cattle on cobs is to let them sleep on them."

Looking at USDA predictions, it seems probable that 1960 will see a big increase in marketings of both fed cattle and non-fed cattle. These increased marketings will put pressure on the markets.

Livestock forecasters are predicting some strength in fat cattle markets this spring. Prices should hold up during most of the summer, but by fall they are expected to drop 10% to 15% below the spring high.

Summing it up—this looks like the year to put your sights on early markets, the report concludes.

## ANOTHER SPACE RACE




## National Guard

## "One Army" Unity Is Key To National Defense Teamwork

The peacetime unity of Army effort has been acclaimed by the Honorable Wilber M. Brucker, at the Secretary of the Army, as possibly our greatest national asset in the event of war.

This "One Army" unity to which Mr. Brucker has referred in recent talks concerns itself with the unity of spirit throughout the Army establishment, — the Active Army, the National Guard, and the Army Reserve.

In pointing out that today's citizen-soldier is a full-fledged member of the Army team, Secretary Brucker remarked, "He is far more than a man we can count upon at some time after a war emergency has come upon us. He is a soldier at all times, a soldier who is a very important part of our everyday strength in depth."

"The Active Army," Mr. Brucker declares, "counts upon the immediate availability of National Guard units for the prompt expansion of its combat forces in any emergency."

Mr. Brucker stresses that, "the Active Army, the Army National Guard, and Army Reserve share a tremendous responsibility for the security of the United States in this age of peril. In order to carry out this mission, they must work as one dynamic team."

Each of them is, "an indispensable military element of our defense team."

The "One Army" concept which has been a reality in wartime is just as essential in peace if we are to proceed to react effectively in the event of a military emergency. This is the opinion of General Bruce C. Clarke, commanding general, Continental Army Command.

General Clarke sums up his view of this "One Army" philosophy with this remark:

"We have no rivals this side of the Iron Curtain. By unity of Army effort and the support of our brother services, we will maintain the combat readiness to keep our real rivals where they belong."

## Up-To-The-Minute Men Ready For Any Wartime or Disaster Service

Changes in the weapons and tactics of warfare cause very frequent reexamination of our military strategy, but one thing is certain: No matter what kind of military conflict we may face in the future, the National Guard — Army and Air — will be cast in the most vital role of its 300-year history.

This will be just as true in an all-out atomic war as in a so-called "limited war."

The Guard, in fact, may well be our most important domestic asset in the event of a nuclear attack. Dispersed as it is throughout the 50 States, Puerto Rico and the District of Columbia, it would be impossible for any conceivable attack to destroy even a major part of its strength.

Much modern equipment, facilities, communications nets, and trained military personnel would thus be invaluable in expediting military and civilian recovery from the immediate effects of an atomic attack.

Thus the Guard would stand ready to help repel an enemy invader or to help devastated areas recover and keep going until civilian authority could take over.

As for even "limited war," Major General Donald W. McGowan, Chief of the National Guard Bureau, points out that when expanded to full strength and mobilized, Guard units would nearly double the combat strength of the Active Army.

This would provide, a good deal more than sheer bulk, he explains. "They would provide soldiers who have been trained to the highest peak of mobilization readiness in National Guard history."

Military leaders place heavy reliance on Guard units to supply a substantial part of America's ready combat forces should war break out. Both the Army Guard and the Air Guard include a large percentage of combat-experienced officers and men from World War II and Korea.

The Guard stands ready to defend America under all conditions. But there is another National Guard mission: to be ready to serve State Governments during local emergencies.

The National Guard was ready when an explosives-laden truck blew up in the early morning hours last August 7 in Roseburg, Oregon (population 12,200.)

SUPERSONIC SABRE—The first-line arsenal of the Air National Guard includes seven squadrons equipped with the F-86D Sabre. The supersonic fighter hurtles through skies at over 800 MPH.

## A-Age Weapons For Air Guard

Greatly increased firepower and more Century series supersonic aircraft are in store for the Air National Guard.

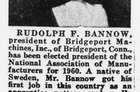
In the next 18 months, 12 Air Guard units now equipped with various earlier models of the Northrop F-89 Scorpion will convert to the F-89J which employs the "Genie", a nuclear defense missile.

Squadrons to be equipped with the F-89J are located along the northern perimeter of the United States and on the Atlantic coast. One Air Guard unit already flying the F-89J is the 179th fighter interceptor squadron at Duluth, Minnesota.

Four more Air Guard squadrons will acquire the North American F-100 Super Sabre this spring, bringing to seven the number of Air Guard units employing this supersonic fighter. These squadrons include the 199th fighter interceptor squadron in Hawaii, are programmed to receive the Convair F-102 Delta Dagger during the first fiscal year. The F-102 is a supersonic air defense weapon system employing the Hughes version of the Falcon missile.

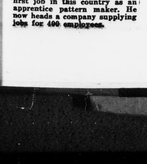
Meanwhile, the U.S. Air Force has announced that it may turn over to Air Guard enough Lockheed F-104 Starfighter aircraft to equip additional Air National Guard squadrons. The Starfighter, an all-weather interceptor, is capable of flying at Mach 2 — twice the speed of sound, or about 1400 miles an hour.

Gen. McGowan



Gen. Bergdoll

## New NAM President



RUDOLPH A. BANNOW, president of Bridgeport Machines, Inc., of Bridgeport, Conn., has been elected president of the National Association of Manufacturers for 1960. A native of Sweden, Mr. Bannow got his first job in this country as an apprentice pattern maker. He now heads a company supplying jobs for 400 employees.




# PERSONALS

(Other Personals on Page 5)

Miss Kitty V. Wood spent a few days with his sister, Mrs. Craddock McWane, of Lynchburg.

Mrs. Janie Meredith is improving at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Hunter Jamerson.

Clarence A. Agee entered McGuire Hospital, Richmond, Tuesday for treatment.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Morris, of Richmond visited Mr. and Mrs. Allen Wood, Jr., Sunday P. M.

Mr. and Mrs. Lindy Hamlett and children, of Farmville, and Mrs. J. J. Chernault visited Mr. and Mrs. Ed Blackwell Saturday night.

Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Bailey, of Farmville announce the birth of a son, Hugh Scott, born in Lynchburg General Hospital Jan. 6, 1960. She is the former Sally Lou Chernault.

Mrs. Bessie Z. James, of Dendron, who has been visiting Mrs. C. F. James, left today for Stonewall, where she will visit Mrs. C. M. Stratton.

### REV. BERGDOLL TO BE SPEAKER AT MEETING OF APPOMATTOX U. D. C.

The Rev. Mr. Bergdoll will use as his subject, "Matthew Fontaine Maury," when he speaks to the Appomattox Chapter, U. D. C., and their guests at the annual dinner meeting. It will be held at six o'clock on Thursday evening, January 21st, at The Steak House.

The speaker's life and career has been unique in that it has been so closely connected with the history of The Confederacy. Born in Romney, West Virginia, which is located in Hampshire Co. Although this county was among the thirty-five western counties of Virginia that broke away from the state in 1863, yet the citizens of Romney remained loyal to their Mother State. On May 18th, 1861, a little over a month after the War began, the Hampshire Guards and the Frontier Riflemen left Romney to join other grayclad Virginia regiments at Harper's Ferry. Romney, W. Va., as Winchester, Va., was captured and recaptured many times. It became such an important battleground that General "Stonewall" Jackson maintained headquarters there intermittently as did Gen. Lew Wallace, the Union General and author of Ben-Hur. Although the sons of war were long feit by the inhabitants of this community, they were not bereft of their courage and ability to keep alive a strong sentiment for the cause for which many of their number had given their lives.

On June 1st, 1866, they marched to the cemetery and with appropriate ceremonies decorated the graves of their honored dead. The next year a Memorial Association formed by loyal women erected a monument "To Her Heroic Sons Who Fell in Defense of Southern Rights." The citizens have always believed that this was the first grave decoration of Confederate graves, and that the custom spread rapidly throughout the South.

Mr. Bergdoll was graduated from Romney High School, located adjacent to the Cemetery and within view of the Confederate Monument. He continued his studies at Randolph-Macon College, where he majored in History and Bible, and upon graduation was elected into Phi Beta Kappa Honorary fraternity. He received the Bachelor of Divinity degree from Emory University, Atlanta, Ga., where he received additional inspiration in the events of the days of 1861-65. He served as pastor of Phoebus Methodist Church, adjacent to Ft. Monroe, Northern Installation during the War, and his parsonage was within sight of Hampton Roads, where was fought the battle between the ironclad Union Monitor and the sturdily-built Confederate Merrimac.

His first pastorate of five churches extended over the rich and historic territory of Fairfax and Loudoun Counties where one of his churches was not far distant from the famous battle field of Bull Run, and now he is in his third year as pastor of the Memorial Methodist Church in historic Appomattox. Mr. Bergdoll is keenly interested and well-versed in the history of this important period of our country.

It is surprising how much activity follows the addition of any pretty young thing to a business staff.

Mr. and Mrs. Wendell McMinn, of Brockway, Penn., announce the birth of a daughter, Wendy Sue, born Jan. 1st, 1960. Mrs. McMinn is the former Ethel Chernault, the daughter of Mrs. J. J. Chernault and the late Mr. Chernault.

Mrs. Rachel F. Lawson and S. L. Ferguson spent Wednesday and today in Richmond with Mrs. Russel F. Wagers. Mrs. Wagers and Mrs. Lawson and Mrs. F. C. Dresser attended the reception at the Governor's Mansion Wednesday evening, given by Gov. and Mrs. J. Lindsay Almond to members of the General Assembly of Virginia.

Visitors in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Hunter Jamerson over the week-end were Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Jamerson, Mr. and Mrs. Watkins Brisenttine, Mrs. Harvey Glenn and son, Tom, Miss Abbie Meredith, Miss Lucy Buck Bently, all of Prospect; Mr. and Mrs. J. G. Goff, of Lynchburg; Mrs. Kermit Woodson, and Miss Carmelia Woodson, of Amherst, and Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Coleman, of Spout Spring.

## Lime Plant No. 2 News

Jan. 13.- My, what a beautiful day Sunday was. Church attendance was good, and 114 pre present for Sunday School. Quite a few were out because of sickness in their family.

Mrs. A. M. Johnston was in several days this week on the sick list.

Mrs. J. C. Moore, Mrs. Graydon Martin and Mrs. Hubbard Moore visited Howlette Martin and family Friday afternoon at Spout Spring.

We are glad to hear that Mr. Marshall Cunningham is improving. They have moved him to Clifton Forge hospital.

Sorry to hear that Mrs. Pearl Martin is on the sick list. She is in the Baptist Hospital in Lynchburg. We wish for her a speedy recovery.

Correction: Charles Kenneth and Jane Ann Moore, children of Kenneth Moore, were unable to be present at the Dedication of the organ in honor of their grandmother, Jan. 3.

The M. Y. F. of Mt. Comfort went to Farmville to the skating rink on Monday night. They all had a good time.

The J. V. basketball team of Appomattox H. S. played William Campbel J. V.. The visitors won, 48 to 12.

Marshall Cunningham Jr. is home on leave. Welcome home, Marshall.

Rev. Aaron Smith visited his father and mother last week. They were sick with flu. Glad to say they are better now.

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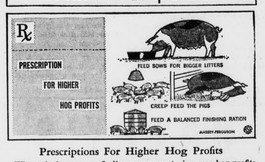
## FARM PROFIT




### Prescriptions For Higher Hog Profits

Wisconsin farmers are finding new ways to increase hog profits by getting advice straight from their state University through a "Pacemaker Pork Producing Program." According to a Massey-Ferguson research report, college experts write prescriptions for the individual farmer improving production efficiency and market quality. Here's how it works.

Interested farmers sign up for the Pacemaker Club with their county agent and agree to keep records. In return they get expert advice on how to improve their own program. The typical prescription starts out by advising good meat-type breeding stock. In many cases the experts recommend a breed of boar that will cross well with gilts the farmer has. Profitable crossing is no hit-or-miss proposition. Boars need to be selected to improve type, litter size and rate of gain.

The Pacemaker gets advice on well balanced rations straight from the research labs. He is given the latest know-how on feeding to help get top gains at the lowest possible cost. Sow and gilt rations are designed to improve litter size.

University specialists are pretty specific when it comes to baby pig care as the number of pigs per litter is one of the most important profit factors. For example, they recommend creep feeding with a high-powered starter feed, packed with vitamins and antibiotics, as soon as baby pigs will eat. When pigs reach 40 pounds they drop the protein level to 20%. When they reach 125 pounds they lower it to 12%.

Pacemakers have set their goals high. They try for at least 8 pigs per litter, one more than the national average. The minimum litter weight at 5 months of age is 1,500 pounds—8 hogs averaging 187½ pounds just meets this goal.

The program also calls for the quality of pork that housewives are demanding. At least 50 per cent of a Pacemaker's hogs must grade U. S. No. 1. This is more than double the per cent of No. 1 hogs produced on the average farm.

How are they doing? A Massey-Ferguson research team, visiting typical Pacemaker farms, found that the prescription hog raising is paying off. Many have reached the high Pacemaker goals. Some have even topped them. George Hillary of Darlington, Wisconsin, is a good example. He entered 30 sows in the program and averaged 9 pigs per litter. Of 132 hogs sold on the market at 6 months, 110 graded U. S. No. 1.

## "R" IS FOR READY

• EDITORIAL

To the "three R's" of reading, writing, and arithmetic, this is an appropriate time for schoolmasters and groups alike to give a thought to the fourth "R" for ready.

On George Washington's birthday it is particularly fitting to think about the paramount importance of being ready to stand up for the ideals you believe in. On every occasion, in every duty, George Washington was always ready, always up to the challenge.

The National Guard celebrates George Washington's birthday as its annual "Muster Day." As a group and as individuals today's Guardsmen live up to the Washingtonian ideals. We think the First President would be proud of the way these up-to-the-Minute Men live by the immortal principles which helped him achieve his independence.

George Washington is a prime figure in the long and honorable history of the National Guard. He is one in the long line of "great Guardsmen" who have devoted themselves to the ideal of "R" is for ready. Washington was a member of the militia in Virginia. Like today's Guardsmen who carry on in the footsteps and traditions of the old militia, he was a civilian- soldier who took time to be concerned about security of his country and community at the same time that he held down fulltime civil employment.

George Washington did not think this so unique. He believed in it. He put this belief into words and these are words which hold a special meaning for our neighbors who belong to the National Guard:

"Every citizen who enjoys the protection of a free government owes not only a portion of his property but even of his personal services to the defense of it."

Let this Muster Day and George Washington's birthday serve to remind you to thank the Guard helps our country keep its guard up!

## START AT BOTTOM TO REACH THE TOP

Starting at the bottom seems to be the surest way of reaching the top in the National Guard. The three top men in the National Guard today all began their military careers as privates.

Major General Donald W. McGowan, Chief of the National Guard Bureau and No. 1 Guardsman in the U. S. enlisted in the New Jersey National Guard at the age of 16 for duty on the Mexican Border. He went on to serve (at 181) as a regimental sergeant major, one of the top women in the AEF.

Maj. Gen. Winston P. Wilson, Deputy Chief National Guard Bureau and No. 1 Air Guardsman in his capacity as Assistant Chief for Air, began his military service as private in the 154th Observation Squadron, Arizona National Guard, in 1929.

Major General Clayton P.Kerr, Assistant Chief for Army, National Guard Bureau, wore his first olive drab uniform as a cavalry private in the Texas National Guard in 1919.

A quick survey of the records shows that of the seven generals in command of the 27 combat divisions of the National Guard today, 19 of them have come up from the ranks.

From the ranks of the Guard also have come many prominent military commanders. General Nathan F. Twining, Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, was once an Oregon Guardsmen. General Bruce C. Clarke, commander of the Continental Army Command earned his Military Academy appointment by way of the New York National Guard.

From the ranks of the Guard, too, came six Presidents of the United States — George Washington, Abraham Lincoln, Andrew Jackson, Chester Arthur, Theodore Roosevelt, and Harry S. Truman.

## "RED SCRAMBLE" JET MISSIONS KEEP AIR NATIONAL GUARDSMEN ON THE ALERT

The Air National Guard, America's readiest Air Reserve Force, is prepared to be in the skies and in action in a matter of minutes should an enemy attack or a sneak aerial attack against the United States.

Tests alerts have proved that elements of the Air National Guard's 27-odd squadrons — 100 per cent jet-equipped — can be in the air scrambling to intercept a potential enemy invader, minutes after receiving a "red scramble" alert.

Realistic training — on the ground and in the air — using the most modern equipment available, under the supervision and strict standards of the active Air Force has resulted in the formation of a powerful Air National Guard whose combat readiness compares very favorably to that of the active USAF.

Gen. Wilson

Maj. General Winston P. Wilson, Assistant Chief for Air of the National Guard Bureau, speaking of the Air Guard's role in the nuclear age, recently said:

"The Air National Guard's role is exactly the same as that of the active United States Air Force.

"Should an enemy attack and thus provoke war, the Air National Guard is to immediately take its place as an integral part of the USAF — with the same assignments, same missions, same responsibilities."

Operational readiness—gauge of a fighting force's ability to get into action soonest and stay it out with an enemy until victory — is the highest in Air Guard history, with ANG combat squadrons in possession of operational readiness approaching that of counterparts in the active USAF.

The Air National Guard's F-84 squadrons, for example, assigned to the USAF Tactical Air Command, have an operational readiness which is said to be just about equal to that of counterpart squadrons in the active service. These are squadrons that would, among other things, provide direct support for ground forces engaged in combat.

Last year, competing against active USAF units in the Air Force World Wide Weapons Meet, the Air National Guard fired the first perfect score in the history of the competition.

Flying at Highest Level

The ANG has already taken over many peacetime assignments formerly performed by active USAF units thus freeing them for other duties in this critical period.

In addition to its "front-line" combat units the Air National Guard has ten support type flying squadrons. An aero-medical Group operating C119 Flying Boxcars is earmarked for an assignment to the Military Air Transport Service. Four troop carrier squadrons belong to Tactical Air Command in the event of an emergency, reinforcing the USAF airlift capabilities.

The Air National Guard, at the highest level of both unit and individual proficiency in its history, is even in peacetime, a full-fledged member of the Air Force first team.

## MUSTER DAY

**The Idea for "National Guard Muster Day" has its origins in colonial America when the able-bodied men of the community were "mustered" on the village green once a year for a roll-call and inspection of arms.**

**As the country grew in size, population, and stature the loosely-formed Militia gave way to more formal military organizations. The Organized Militia became a uniformed and equipped force with scheduled training periods in place of an annual muster to count noses.**

**The National Guard, successor to the Organized Militia, celebrates Muster Day each year on February 22, birthday of George Washington, soldier in the Virginia Militia, Father of his country, and first president of the United States.**

### Civil Disaster Role

**National Guardsmen prevented looting, participated in rescue operations, gave first aid, and helped get things under control. The Guardsmen were not relieved from active duty until August 15 — eight days later — when the ravaged town was able to stand on its own feet.**

**The Army National Guard and Air National Guard were there when hurricanes struck in North Carolina and Florida — when floods raged in New England— when ravenous, oil-fed fires raged through a Texas port city — when farmers and their precious live stock were threatened with starvation and death in blizzard-bound prairie States — when epidemics raged — when the Red Cross needed blood for transfusions—when children were lost in the wilderness.**

**The National Guard—470,000 volunteer citizens-soldiers — is there to serve its communities, States and nation, in time of war or peace.**

## Round The Clock Air Defense

A new dimension in defense is reflected by around-the-clock missions which have been assumed by picked units of the Army Guard and Air National Guard. Their assignment is to participate actively in defending the U. S. from possible sneak attack by airborne intruders.

Army National Guardsmen, in this vital program, have stepped from conventional weapons into the field of guided missiles. In what is without doubt one of the most important missions ever assigned citizen-soldiers in peacetime, Guardsmen are in the process of taking over many NIKE air defense sites from the Active Army. Thus, members of Guard units are on duty protecting major population and industrial centers from sneak aerial attack, on a 24-hour-a-day basis.

A similar air defense job has been assigned to the Air National Guard by the United States Air Force. Currently, crews and jet-powered aircraft from 20 Air Guard Fighter-Interceptor squadrons are involved in an around-the-clock 5-minute runway alert. Their job: to be in the air in minutes, to intercept, identify, and if necessary, destroy approaching aircraft after receiving a "scramble" order from the Air Defense Command.

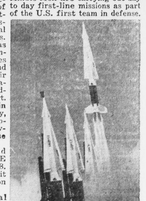
The Army Guard started taking over active Army NIKE missile sites in September 1958. The first on-site Guard outfit was the 720th Missile Battalion of Long Beach, California.

Eventually Army National Guard missile battalions, operating as an integral element of the Air Defense system will be defending the U. S. from the Atlantic to Hawaii.

The missile-age Guardsmen are doing well both on the ground and in the air, according to regional contest tests. An on-site battery in Los Angeles area, for example, was rated No. 1 in its region, competing against both Guard and Active Army outfits. The first one of the Guard's NIKE Battalions fired 11 out of 12 successful missiles at the White Sands range — considered outstanding by air defense experts.

Since the start of the runway alert program in 1954, the Air National Guard has flown more than 60,000 "red scrambles," including training missions, in response to Air Defense Command orders.

On the ground and in the air the National Guard's up-to-the-Minute Men are carrying out day to day first-line missions as part of the U.S. first team in defense.



MISSILE DEFENSE—U. S. air defense is bolstered by Army and Air Guard units manning NIKE sites on a full time basis.